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MOSCOW, March 7 (Reuters) — A spokesman for the Soviet tourist organization, Intourist, branded today as "completely untrue" reports that the Soviet Union's borders would be closed to Westerners traveling in cars.

The spokesman said: "Tourists can visit the Soviet Union as they always have done—by car, ship or plane. We do suggest, however, that they make advance bookings as we have certain accommodation difficulties."

LONDON, March 7 (Reuters) — A Soviet spokesman at Intourist offices in Helsinki, Finland, said today that all Soviet borders were closed to Western car tourists and emphasized that the closure did not apply only to the Soviet-Finnish border.

He did not give any reason for the ban. Last year 3,772 cars crossed the Soviet-Finnish border.

Britain's Royal Automobile Club said all individual car travel by foreign tourists had been banned in the Soviet Union but "bulk bookings" by coach parties were still being accepted.

Dart-Throwers Claim Mark
DIDCOT, England (Reuters) — Eight British soldiers claimed a world record recently when they totaled 1,000,001 points in 19 hours and 15 minutes of dart throwing.